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## WHY WE'RE ALL SMILES

Yourswale celebrates its first birthday this month – and our wonderful band of distributors helped mark the occasion with balloons and cakes across the borough last week. But none of our success so far would be possible without you – our loyal readers and advertisers.

FULL STORY – PAGE 4.

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

SWALE has the highest number of unemployed young people in the South East, according to the latest Government data.

And the alarming figures have prompted calls for a boost in the borough's education provision.

Nearly 37 per cent of people aged between 18 and 24 in the borough are claiming jobseeker's allowance, the findings reveal.

The nearest district with similar problems is Ashford, where more than 34 per cent are without work.

Swale council has called the figures "striking" and blames the problem on a lack of education opportunities in the borough, which has no centre specifically aimed at higher education.

Cllr Mike Cosgrove, Swale council's executive portfolio holder for performance and finance, learning and skills, said: "These figures are striking. We need to use these figures as an impetus to improve the opportunities for our young people, which is critical to Swale's regeneration."

Cllr Cosgrove warned that the lack of required skills in the workforce – as highlighted by the NHS Health Review presented to members just two weeks ago – could hold young people back.

He said: "The jobs of the future will require an increasingly skilled workforce.

"We need greater and better further education opportunities in Swale, as well as improved support to help people gain the skills they need to get into work.

Swale council is working with its partners to put increased funding into job advice and we are also working closely with local schools, training providers and businesses.

"There will be new opportunities in Swale in the coming years, but we need to make sure that

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# Watch out – we've been 'discovered' by London

■ BY NICK AMES

FAVERSHAM could be the next boom town, according to a glowing review in a national newspaper.

The Times said our town may have seen house prices soar, but it remains a cheaper option than nearby Canterbury and offers a high quality of life.

The article was part of an overall review of what the paper considered the most attractive places in the UK to live. The publicity could attract more incomers to the town as well as swelling tourist numbers.

The newspaper calls our home "an historic and independently minded town" and suggested it could be one of the next big boom areas.

And it reported that, despite the credit crunch, house prices in the town have rocketed by a 246 per cent in the past decade, with the top-priced home selling for £3 million.

The article starts by stating: "Faversham ... is often overlooked by Londoners whistling down the M2 towards Whitstable, but it was once a prosperous centre of commerce and shipbuilding."

"Shakespeare performed here, Elizabeth I and Charles II dropped by and James I wished he hadn't when he was captured and imprisoned in 1688."

The newspaper goes on to state that the town has about 500 listed buildings, many "sturdy medieval merchant's houses given an 18th century makeover".

In the section on quality of life, the article states: "Faversham is great if you like a little bustle with your history (there is a market three days a week)."

"Most incomers look to the countryside – to the creekside hamlets of the Swale and the classic Kentish



GOOD TIMES: Faversham is on the rise

villages in the valleys to the south."

Abey Street is named as the smartest thoroughfare, with restaurants recommended including Read's in Canterbury Road and The Tapster in nearby Newnham.

The "upside" of the town is property is cheaper than in Canterbury and "there is no shortage of space, fresh air, sport and open water – many Swale properties come with their own moorings".

The marshes are also praised for their bird varieties.

But the "downside" is a lack of identity according to the article, which states: "One local notes drily that 'even some people in Maidstone think we're in Norfolk or Suffolk'."

## The number of jobless rose in most districts

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all Swale residents can fully access them. We have the remit to do this and need to ensure these figures are not repeated."

The worrying figures are part of a countywide trend as the effects of the economic downturn begin to hit home.

The number of people claiming jobseeker's allowance in Kent rose by more than 500 this month alone.

Nationally, the number of claimants rose by 20,100 in the month to July 10 to 864,700. The quarterly unemployment rate showed a rise of 60,000 to 1.67 million, an increase of 0.2 per cent to 5.4 per cent.

Most of Kent's 12 districts showed a rise, with only Canterbury (down 10) and Shepway (down 11) bucking the trend.

The council has directed people looking for work to Employ North Kent, an organisation offering advice on employment and training opportunities.

Contact Employ North Kent at [www.employnorthkent.co.uk](http://www.employnorthkent.co.uk), or by calling 01795 596707. It is supported by Swale council and regional development agency Seeda, and is free.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Club together to see best of world cinema

THE Faversham Film Society is looking for more members to enjoy the best of modern British, American independent and world cinema.

Showing many films that are seldom seen outside the capital, the society is a not-for-profit club which holds regular screenings at the Royal Cinema in Market Place.

The society shows about 24 films a year, always on a Monday night from 8pm.

Membership is £4 a year. For more information call Gill Marsh on 01795 531182.

## Hung up on vandals

CONSTANT vandalism has led to the scheduled removal of Faversham payphones.

Cllr Cindy Davis proposed that several boxes be removed from the town as they had simply become a magnet for vandals.

The town council agreed, claiming some boxes were "constantly vandalised" and BT is expected to be contacted about the matter.

Payphones on the removal list include boxes at Windermere, Makenade Avenue and Giraud Drive, and the Whitstable Road/Millfield Road junction.



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# SmartWater's handy way with criminals

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

CRIMINALS across Swale could be caught not so much red as green-handed after police revealed their latest weapon in the crackdown on burglaries.

SmartWater covers offenders or property with a harmless solution invisible to the naked eye but detectable under ultraviolet light.

Officers will be issued with portable UV units and there is also a detector machine installed in the police custody suite in Sittingbourne.

If an offender or property glows green under the lights, a swab will be taken and a unique code directly linked back to a specific crime scene or location.

The technology, funded by Swale council's community safety partnership, can also be used as a property marking system, increasing the chances of returning stolen items to the rightful owners.

Inspector Evan Jones said: "Criminals need to be aware that SmartWater has a 100 per cent conviction rate with an irrefutable link to the scene of a crime."

"Already similar trials have given excellent results, with noticeable reductions in burglary, robbery and theft."

"The SmartWater solution remains on skin and hair for weeks and on clothing indefinitely, no matter how hard offenders try to scrub it off."

"From now on every offender arrested and brought into the Sittingbourne custody suite will be automatically screened when they are booked in."

Cllr John Morris, Swale's executive member for community services, said criminals should



SPOT THE THIEF: SmartWater technology, which shows up under ultraviolet light, is now available in Swale

beware. He said: "How can anybody deny this? It's absolutely perfect and a positive step. Often we get situations where we know who the criminal is, we know they've done it but there's no evidence. But you can't dispute this."

"Our job is to assist the police in conquering crime. That's what we're going to do and this is the way to do it."

Swale police approached the partnership earlier this year to provide £1,250 to fund the

equipment.

Swale council has a limited number of home marking packs available, otherwise homeowners and businesses need to pay £40 to have SmartWater equipment installed.

Community safety partnership co-ordinator Stephanie Mead said: "The partnership is pleased to be able to support the police by paying for SmartWater equipment which will be used to catch criminals in Swale."

## A TV battle of words for boxer Barry

DARGATE'S Barry McGuigan will be looking to second-guess the public and win a bumper cash prize for charity on Saturday.

The former world featherweight boxing champion, now a commentator and TV pundit, will be on our screens battling it out in the latest episode of ITV1's popular game show Celebrity Family Fortunes.

Mr McGuigan – who recently helped win the long-running battle against the erection of polytunnels in fields near his home – will line-up alongside family members as they go toe-to-toe against a team headed by Coleen Nolan.

The Loose Women presenter will include members of her famous singing clan as part of her family team, in the show presented by Vernon Kay.

Both are bidding to win the £30,000 top prize – cash which will be donated to a good cause of their choosing.

Mr McGuigan, 47, is no stranger to TV triumphs. Last year he emerged victorious in reality TV show Hell's Kitchen.

The show airs on ITV1 at 7pm on Saturday.

## Police appeal after head-on death smash

A YOUNG biker died in a head-on smash near Sheldwich at the weekend.

The crash, on Sunday afternoon, led to the closure of the road for several hours as medics battled in vain to save the man's life and police investigated the scene before clearing debris from the highway.

Officers are appealing for anyone who may have seen the crash – or those involved prior to the collision – as they piece together what happened.

The accident happened on the A251 Ashford Road, near the New House Lane junction, at about 4.40pm.

A red Honda motorcycle collided with a burgundy coloured Jaguar car travelling in the opposite direction.

The rider, a 23-year-old man who had not been identified at the time of

going to press, was pronounced dead at the scene. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 01622 798538 or call Crimestoppers, free and anonymously, on 0800 555111.

• An elderly man remains in a critical condition in hospital after being hit by a car outside the Faversham branch of Tesco last week.

The pensioner, who has not been named by police but is understood to be in his seventies, was hit by a red Nissan Micra in Crescent Road on Thursday morning.

It is understood he then suffered a heart attack.

The Kent Air Ambulance arrived at about 9.30am, by which time he had been resuscitated by a land ambulance crew and taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

## Mayor Johnson's flight of fancy

A 24-HOUR airport could be built off the coast of Sheppey to replace Heathrow, according to London's mayor, Boris Johnson.

The proposal would see an artificial island created two miles off Sheerness with capacity for up to six runways, with connections to London and the Continent via the high-speed Channel Tunnel rail link.

It would be connected to the mainland via a railway bridge and ferry terminals to Kent and Essex.

It would take just six years to build and replace Heathrow as London's main air transport hub, described by the mayor as "a planning error of the 1960s".

Deputy mayor Kit Malthouse, who is overseeing the project, told a national newspaper it would be "madness" to expand London's existing airports when there is a solution elsewhere.

He said: "You would have no problem with expansion or noise. You could run a 24-hour airport."

The idea of an airport in the Estuary has been discussed for decades but this is the most specific proposal to date.

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**WE ARE ONE!** And to celebrate your favourite midweek paper reaching its first birthday, we marked the anniversary in style.

It was last September when KOS Media – the company behind the multi-award-winning Kent on Sunday and its sister paper the Saturday Observer – launched nine midweek titles across the county.

The YourLocal series covers Maidstone, Medway, Thanet, Ashford, Canterbury, Shepway, Dover and Swale and each comes complete with its own dedicated website.

And it is thanks to YOU – our readers and advertisers – that we have been a success; for which every one of us are extremely grateful.

Supermarkets were the major venues for the celebrations, as readers joined KOS Media staff – including the roadrunners who hand out the newspapers – for a slice of cake amidst the commemorative balloons.

This year has seen the series establish a major foothold in the county's highly competitive newspaper market with your local paper becoming a part of readers' lives. Each paper delivers a weekly dose of the best news, sport and leisure – all for free – to create a winning blend.

## Roadrunners

Our roadrunners have become an established sight in town and city centres across Kent, handing the papers out. Meanwhile, newsagents, garages and other local stores continue to report copies been snapped up just minutes after hitting the shelves.

KOS Media's distribution manager Barbara Coker has the task of co-ordinating the distribution of the 120,000 issues of the nine papers.

She said: "We all had a very good reason to celebrate. Readers and advertisers all joined in and had the chance to talk to those who give out the papers and get to know them.

"In the past 12 months the roadrunners have become an established part of the high street scene and a very welcome one."

Readers have become so accustomed to the sight of the representatives of our papers they have started to inform them of upcoming events and news stories they feel should be covered.

The roadrunners are now a source for getting the news in – rather than just putting it out.

Mrs Coker added: "It's great that we have established such a rapport with the reading public. Feedback is the most important thing for a local paper so that it can truly become the voice of the community and reflects the concerns of residents in any particular town."

"It is the intention of our local papers to do just that – to reflect what is going on in the towns and villages across the county



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Readers and roadrunners gathered at distribution points across the county to celebrate the first birthday of all the Yourpaper editions

and give people a voice when they need one.

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RELIEF: Mrs Jean Herwin (left) feared for her daughter Candida (right) after she was caught up in the US storm

# Mother's joy as daughter survives Ike

A HOTEL owner in Herne Bay has spoken of her relief after her daughter emerged unscathed from the carnage caused by Hurricane Ike – despite being in a house that was almost completely destroyed it.

Jean Herwin, who runs the Hobbit Hole Hotel in Pigeon Lane, said her daughter Candida, 35, was at the very heart of the hurricane which struck along the American Gulf coast decimating parts of the Caribbean and Texas.

And this week she told of her relief after she spoke to her daughter, who revealed how she narrowly avoided death as the winds hit a terrifying speed of 150mph with tail-winds whipping in at 186mph.

## Tempest

Candida Herwin, who grew up in Herne Bay, runs her family's luxury hideaway hotel in the Turks and Caicos Islands, a British dependency in the West Indies.

Ironically, she left idyllic Salt Cay where she lives after the government there issued warnings over high winds.

She moved to Grand Turk island to take shelter with a friend – but didn't escape the chaos.

## EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

As Ms Herwin and her friends sheltered in a shock-proof room which stood firm against the tempest, the rest of the building was completely destroyed.

Mrs Herwin said: "I'm just so relieved she is okay. It sounded absolutely terrifying."

"When the tail of the Hurricane Ike hit, rooms collapsed and the roof was blown away. There were six people inside and they couldn't talk above the noise."

"Outside they could hear telephone poles and trees being uprooted."

Most of the buildings on the main island were flattened by Ike as they were lashed by the storm force winds and the foaming seas.

Mrs Herwin said: "Candida said it was a scene of total devastation. Roofs were hanging off and the hospital was wrecked beyond recognition."

When she got back there she found the hotel had stood up to the battering although the roof was damaged and part of the gym was smashed.

All the sailing boats used by the hotel for whale watching were wrecked – one ended up 20-feet up one of the only remaining trees on the island.

## World premiere is just the beginning

AN aperitif ahead of next month's arts extravaganza the Canterbury Festival will get under way tonight with high drama at the cathedral.

The world premiere of Dallas Sweetman by Sebastian Barry will be staged in the Nave and run for seven performances.

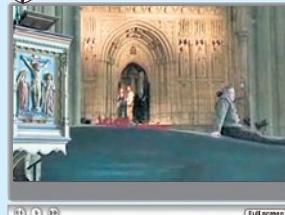
It is set to be a glorious start to the festival which runs from October 11-25.

And you can get a peak behind the scenes by logging on to our free, broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk, and visiting the leisure channel.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Valuable business advice for free at two workshops

SMALL businesses feeling the pinch of the credit crunch can gain some expert advice at two free workshops staged over the coming weeks.

Support agency Business Link in Kent is hosting the events at Broome Park, Canterbury, at 8.30am or 1.30pm on October 8 and November 20 in a bid to help those business owners to guide a route through the current choppy waters of the economy.

Business Link adviser Richard Green said: "When times are tough the sad reality is that businesses do fail – especially those that do not seek outside advice at an early stage.

"We have been enjoying a growing economy since the mid-90s which means many people will not have had to guide their business through an economic downturn before.

"We are publicly funded to provide free, independent advice to businesses and should be the first point of call when sales start to decline."

To book a place or for more information contact 0845 600 9006.

### Women taken to hospital after collision with trailer

A LAND Rover towing an animal trailer was involved in a smash with a car last week near Canterbury.

Police were called at 7.20pm on Tuesday to the A2 between Dover and Canterbury following the smash involving the 4x4 and a Toyota car. The collision happened on the Canterbury-bound carriageway about a mile past the A260 Aylesham junction.

The 23-year-old woman driving the car received minor injuries and was taken to hospital. The Land Rover driver was not injured and there were no animals in the trailer.

### Professionalism helped to save day at tunnel fire

CANTERBURY firefighters will receive an official letter of thanks from Kent Fire and Rescue Service's chief fire officer for their professionalism and skill in dealing with the Channel Tunnel fire.

The control room operators received their first call to the site at 2.57pm on Thursday, September 11 after a fire alarm was triggered.

At the height of the blaze, more than 20 appliances and more than 100 firefighters were at the scene, but Kent's involvement continued until midday on Friday which meant dozens of different teams from all over the county were involved.

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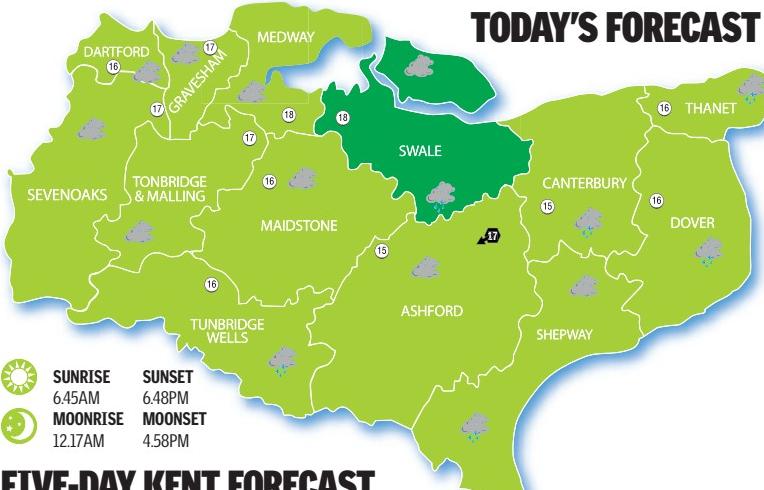
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<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	8:51am	5.6m
	Sunday	9:53am	6.0m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	8:16am	6.0m
	Sunday	9:33am	6.5m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	9:21am	4.3m
	Sunday	10:23am	4.6m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	9:43am	4.8m
	Sunday	11:00am	5.1m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	9:56am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:10am	4.9m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
<b>Ashford</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	16°C	17°C
<b>Canterbury</b>	16°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Chatham</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Dartford</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
<b>Dover</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	16°C
<b>Faversham</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	16°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
<b>Gravesend</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
<b>Maidstone</b>	16°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
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<b>Sevenoaks</b>	14°C	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Sittingbourne</b>	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Tonbridge</b>	15°C	16°C	18°C	17°C	18°C
<b>Tun Wells</b>	15°C	16°C	18°C	17°C	18°C



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<b>Beijing</b>	27°C	<b>Rome</b>	22°C
<b>Bombay</b>	30°C	<b>Sydney</b>	31°C
<b>Cape Town</b>	22°C	<b>Tenerife</b>	25°C
<b>Cardiff</b>	18°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	20°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	24°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	16°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	35°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	11°C
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## Celebrations to kick-off build up to London 2012

SWALE's Cultural Olympiad begins this weekend, marking the start of a four-year celebration of the region's diversity in the lead-up to the London 2012 Olympics.

The Mayor of Swale will launch the celebrations by attending the first in a number of storytelling events called Folk Tales at the Guildhall Museum in Queenborough, bringing medieval play The Mayor's Trouser to life, starting at 2pm on Friday.

On Sunday at the Minster Abbey Gatehouse Museum there will be an exploration of Second World War life with costumed speakers and storytelling about the abbey's founder Queen Sexburgha.

The Blue Town Heritage Centre is holding its own special events, with an evening of historical storytelling, song and film on Friday and a whole day of heritage activities planned for Saturday between 10am and 4pm.

Also on Saturday from 7.30 pm at Cowstead Farm in Lower Road, Sheerness, there will be a screening of Magnetic Field.

Funded by Screen South and Swale council this is a screening of rarely seen artists' films and archive footage, looking at renewal in its widest sense set against the isle's own mixed skyline.

Viewers will need to bring their own chairs but refreshments are provided.

For more information on any of the events contact Swale's arts and heritage officer Catherine Herbert on 01795 417426 or email catherineherbert@swale.gov.uk.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### STEVE THOMAS



**Q&A**

The dance teacher who gives Ceroc classes across Kent – including in Medway and Swale – spoke to James Alexandre about how he first got involved with the growing craze and following the Ashes

**Q** Can you tell us a little about yourself?

**A** I'm 28 and I've been teaching Ceroc for nine years. I live in south-east London, but my job takes me all over Kent.

**Q** What first interested you in Ceroc?

**A** I first got into Ceroc via more unconventional means. I was 17, had just left school and I was in the job centre in Eltham High Street accompanying a friend.

I saw a card asking for a DJ. At the time I was working as a fitness instructor and had been working part-time as a wedding DJ for a few years, so I thought I'd give it a go.

It was Ceroc and the first thing I noticed when I walked in for my interview was what seemed like hundreds of people dancing and enjoying themselves to music that was a more contemporary than I imagined. Ceroc can be danced to all sorts of music, from the big band stuff of the 40's right up to the cutting-edge chart stuff and everything in between.

The atmosphere was electric and I just really wanted to be a part of it. The fact is you don't need to book or bring a partner. You can just turn up on your own or with friends in whatever comfortable clothes you like and you'll be made to feel welcome.

**Q** Do you have a favourite or preferred technique of Ceroc?

**A** The great thing about Ceroc is that there is no set foot patterns. It's a very basic

form of partner dance that really can be learned by anyone.

The fact that it is so simple makes it accessible, but also allows it to be influenced by all sorts of other dances allowing for great musical interpretation. The most important thing to remember though is the leader leads and the follower follows. It's totally unchoreographed, which makes it quite exciting.

**Q** Where is the most unusual or interesting place you have performed?

**A** Nowhere too obscure, but I have taught all over England, in Spain and even Australia during the 2002/3 Ashes series.

I copped quite a lot of flak from the locals for being English while we were losing the series, but a win at the Sydney Cricket Ground soon stopped all that. Last year I taught a few taster classes in a large marquee at the Kent County Show, which was great fun.

**Q** What do you hope you can achieve with your dancing in future?

**A** With programmes like Strictly Come Dancing on TV, dancing in general is undergoing a bit of a renaissance. My goal is to carry that on and get as many people as possible to come along and give it a go.

It really is the most fun and social way there is to stay in shape and learn something new.

It'll also make you look amazing on the dance floor at your cousin's wedding this summer and it really won't take long to learn. In just 45 minutes you can be dancing a few

moves and looking like you've been doing it for years.

**Q** What do you think of the cultural and artistic life of Swale?

**A** I've been visiting Swale since I was very little due to my nan living in Leysdown and I have to say I have noticed a massive change in the area. We opened our venue in Sittingbourne a few years ago and I was impressed with the whole area. The St George's Day Festival was a really vibrant and colourful event.

**Q** Where can people see you performing?

**A** I teach at Dance Junction in Rochester on Mondays and Sandyacres Sports Club in Ashford on Tuesdays. There are venues all over Kent though that can be found on our website, www.cerockent.com.

My friend Kara also teaches each Wednesday at The Wyvern Hall, Swallows Leisure Centre, in Sittingbourne and we have a great night there. Like all of our venues it's welcoming, with new people coming along each week.

**Q** What do you like to do when you're not working?

**A** It's not often that I'm not working, but when I'm not I try to spend as much time as possible with my girlfriend Lida, who is also a Ceroc teacher in Tunbridge Wells. I'm also a keen cricketer, so I like to play as much as I can.



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# **Only fools would miss out on this convention**

■ BY ANNA WHITE

FANS of treasured British sitcom Only Fools and Horses will get the chance to meet some of their idols at an event this weekend.

More than 1,500 visitors are expected to flock to the convention at Mote Park Leisure Centre in Maidstone on Sunday to meet stars of the show.

They will also be able to see memorabilia from the multi award-winning show, including the famous three-wheeled van and some of Del Boy's more outlandish outfits.

Enthusiasts can buy rare items from the programme in an auction and will even have the chance to sit in Del Boy's chair and contemplate 'get rich quick' schemes, as the convention features a faithful recreation of the Trotters' flat.

After eleven years of touring the country this is the first time the official fan club's show will head to Kent.

Perry Aghajanoff, president of the Only Fools Appreciation Society, said: "So far the response has been tremendous. Our perfect demographic was the Essex man, as historically Essex is the old East End, but maybe it's now Kent."

"I'm quite excited about it. The show's got an affinity with Kent because the Jolly Boys Outing episode was filmed in Margate. That's most people's favourite episode, so it's like bringing it home."

Among the actors due to appear are Roger Lloyd Pack, who played the loveable dimwit Trigger, and Paul Barber, who played Denzil, the hapless Scouser frequently in trouble through his involvement with Del Boy's ludicrous schemes.

Patrick Murray, better known as Mickey Pearce, Roy Heather who played Nag's Head landlord Sid, and Ben Smith, the last actor to play Del Boy's son Damien, are also due to attend.

According to Mr Aghajanoff, the actors are happy to revisit the past and meet fans,



despite there not having been a new episode for five years.

"In the past they've been signing for nine hours without a break. They're real troopers," he said. "Everyone gets their autograph, though we have a fair use policy. Autographs and photo opportunities are free."

Mr Aghajanoff, 44, has been running the fan club since 1993 and can now boast 10,000 members worldwide.

### **TROOPERS:** Many members of the cast will be at the convention signing autographs for eager fans

The club first began for his own amusement but soon grew into a success and became the appreciation society with greater involvement with the show.

"I've been in episodes three times, usually as 'man in pub', he said. "Some of the scenes have all my friends in the background. Sometimes they would say they needed a crowd and I would get 250 people together in a few days. I would be able to say 'there's my milkman or my postman'."

The show came to an end with a Christmas day special in 2003, but its following still lives on and is passed on to the next generation with children as young as five turning up to events dressed as the beloved Del Boy.

The convention starts at 10am and is due to finish at 6pm, however, Mr Aghajanoff says that, from previous experience, the day usually carries on for longer due to the long queues waiting for autographs.

Tickets cost £5 and can be bought online by visiting [www.onlyfools.net](http://www.onlyfools.net). Under tens get free entry.

## **Therapy CD aims to help dogs cope on bonfire night**

THE RSPCA is appealing to dog owners to start preparing pets for Bonfire Night by using sound therapy to minimise the distress caused by exploding fireworks.

The number of firework related calls received by the RSPCA's national control centre rose to 940 in 2007 – more than double the 456 received in 1999.

In a bid to reduce this number, the RSPCA has endorsed the Sounds Scary CD therapy pack, produced by Sound Therapy 4 Pets.

This can be used to help dogs learn to be less afraid of loud fizzles and bangs in the build up to the traditional Bonfire Night celebrations, with a two-CD pack featuring a wide variety of firework sounds, as well as thunder and gunshots.

Mark Evans, the animal charity's chief vet, said: "Fireworks and other loud noises are a source of great anxiety for many dogs.

### **Volume**

"This year, the RSPCA's fireworks campaign is encouraging people to help treat and prevent their dogs' fireworks fears using the Sounds Scary CD – a scientifically proven therapy tool.

"We want owners to help their dogs become less afraid of fireworks noises well in advance of the fireworks season, rather than attempting and often failing to provide short term fixes that have no long-term benefit."

The CD works by gradually allowing dogs to be less afraid of loud noises.

It should initially be played at a very low level, so that the dog shows no reaction to the noises.

The volume can then be gradually increased in the months leading up to November 5, until the dog doesn't react to the noises, even when the CD is played at moderate to full volume.

The last stage is to teach the dog to associate the sound of the CD with something he or she finds pleasant and rewarding, such as food or play.

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## Move to widen range of speed camera offences

DRIVERS not wearing seat belts, using mobile phones, or texting could soon be punished after being caught on speed camera.

The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership wants to widen the range of offences it deals with beyond breaking speed limits and jumping red lights.

The controversial proposals will be discussed by a meeting of Kent's Assistant Chief Constables on Tuesday, September 30 after getting the approval of Kent County Council.

Likely testing ground is the Medway towns – but nothing has yet been finalised.

The move comes after the speed camera group received new video equipment which makes identification of drivers easier.

But it would still mean motorists would have to be using a mobile phone when passing the cameras for the proposed new ruling to be enforced.

Similar regulations are currently in operation in Surrey and Hampshire, according to Chris Rogers, project manager for the Kent camera operators.

He said: "While we are doing our job our operators see a number of other offences which they have up to now ignored.

"The idea is that they widen their remit to include such things as seat belts and phones.

"If an operator did witness an offence such as a driver on the phone the idea is that they would note the time and registration of the car on a pad. Back up video would then further strengthen the case.

"But we would have to be very sure, someone might well have their hand up to the side of their head while driving, but maybe they are suffering from toothache.

"Alternatively a motorist's hand may be off the wheel and it may be that they are texting below the level of the dashboard. But they may also be attempting to brush a wasp away.

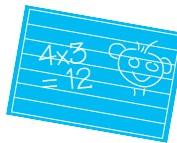
"So we will have to be very sure an offence has been committed before taking any action."

What punishments will be dished out in the event of the plans coming into force has yet to be decided.

Mr Rogers said: "The final decision is with the police now."



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**WELL DONE:** Peer mentors (from left) Adam Marzetti, Delia Juanes, Natasha Gillman, Eleanor Ashbee, Jen Ashbee (mentoring co-ordinator), Lindsey Marshall and Daniel Allen.

## Manor mentors

FULSTON Manor youngsters were among 100 pupils from across the county who celebrated becoming peer mentors at an awards ceremony last week.

They were presented with their BTEC level two certificates at the Cornwallis Academy in Maidstone by course organisers Kent Youth.

The newly-qualified peer educators identify, develop and deliver training sessions to other young people about matters of concern to them, in a way adults could not.

They work one-on-one on a range of issues with youngsters in schools and youth clubs. These include drugs, teen pregnancy, alcohol, smoking, social exclusion, bullying, school-work and anything else of concern.

The duties can also and often do extend to social and family problems outside school, where mentors can refer people on to other sources of help such as GPs, social services and Childline.

Sean Meaney, volunteering officer with Kent Youth, said the charity was delighted to be able to offer such training.

He said: "We are proud to be involved in

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

these qualifications which are great for young people's personal development. They give volunteers fantastic skills in interacting with and helping others, either in a group or one-to-one.

"These are skills that often give them an edge in interviews for university places and are also of great significance in the workplace."

This year 24 schools and youth clubs, with more than 200 young people, from across Kent have taken part. Some have yet to finish the assessment of their work, but about 100 who have – representing ten schools and youth clubs – were at the Cornwallis Academy for the presentation.

Jen Ashby, Fulston Manor's mentoring co-ordinator, said: "The mentors gave up their own time to study and prepare for this qualification, in addition to studying for their GCSE and AS level exams, which makes their achievement all the more impressive."

Kent Youth supports about 200 youth clubs in the county with training and developing staff, policies and practices together with organising local and national activities for young people.

### BREAK TIME

## The recipe for success in life

RECIPE books will be available to every 11-year-old in the UK as part of a Government drive to teach children to cook healthy meals.

The booklets, which can be ordered by headteachers and distributed at school, include simple instructions on how to cook favourites such as spaghetti bolognese, roast chicken and jacket potatoes.

The recipes were provided by members of the public, who were asked to nominate the basic dishes every child should learn how to cook.

The Government announced in January that from 2011 it would be compulsory for 11 to 14-year-olds to have food technology lessons, including hands-on cooking classes. Cookery is already compulsory in primary schools.



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## Tunnel blaze and Stack put us in deep doo-doo

ONCE again a fire in the Tunnel looks set to bring weeks, if not months, of road misery for Kent commuters as foreign truckers heading home use our motorways to park up and wait.

It's all very well billing our once-beautiful county as the 'Gateway to Europe', with all the alleged commercial benefits that brings, but who pays our cops to act as glorified parking wardens for these trucks?

Yep, you've guessed it, you do. And who pays for the motorways we can't use through fuel tax, road tax and fines? Right again, you do.

Don't forget either, as hard-pressed Channel Tunnel operators look to rectify the mess inside the north tunnel after the latest fire (caused, of course, by a wayward truck), that the ferries are forced to soak up the capacity, enjoying their busiest day ever last Wednesday.

But winter's on the way and that means storms. And no matter how efficient our ferries

are, they can't sail in bad weather and that means delays – which means Operation Stack just gets bigger.

Factor in our militant French chums, who are prepared to strike and blockade Calais at the drop of a chapeau, then we have the potential for Operation Stack and the subsequent chaos to close sections of the M20 for weeks at a time.

Kent County Council went into overdrive within hours of the Channel Tunnel fire, reassuring us that a lorry park will be completed some time in the dim and distant, which will take all those nasty, smelly trucks off our roads in times of delay.

Two things with that. Firstly, nobody but nobody actually wants a massive concrete parking lot near their home.

Secondly, and worse than that, as I drove in the opposite direction past miles of parked trucks between Ashford and Maidstone two days after the fire, the sheer numbers brought home how huge any facility would have to be.

And what will it be used for when Stack is not in place? And, of course, who will pay for it?

Obviously the answer is you, no matter how it's dressed up.

Even without problems crossing the Channel, the lay-bys, side roads and industrial estates of Kent are jam-packed every night with sleeping truckers who think it's all right to leave behind their rubbish, including their toilet waste (just ask any of the occupants of units on any of Ashford's industrial estates what greets them every morning).

During Stack, despite our boys in blue ensuring there's a Portaloa every 400 yards (far too far for a lazy driver to walk as he prepares to bed down) truckers do exactly the same along our motorways when they are waiting, except there's just so much more of it.

So remember, if you are unlucky enough to break down on the M20 on one of those rare occasions it's actually open for you to use, be careful where you stand along the hard shoulder as you wait for the AA to turn up.

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## TALK TIME

### BARRY HEFFERON

The secretary of the Faversham constituency of the Labour Party and treasurer of the town's local branch talks about his life and politics.

#### Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I am married to Ruth, a primary school teacher. We moved to Faversham in 1992 with our three children Anna, Amy and Timothy. I was brought up in south-east London and graduated from the University of Birmingham with a degree in African studies and history. Between 1974 and 1999 I worked for the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the design and monitoring of development projects in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. My family and I served three tours of duty for the diplomatic service in Ghana, Indonesia and Bangladesh. I am now retired.

#### How did you first get involved in politics?

As a seven-year-old helping my father collect membership sums from party members in Plumstead and Woolwich (there were no direct debits then). I joined the Labour Party while at university. I am now the secretary of the constituency party and treasurer of the local branch in Faversham.

#### What is it you enjoy about living and working in the area?

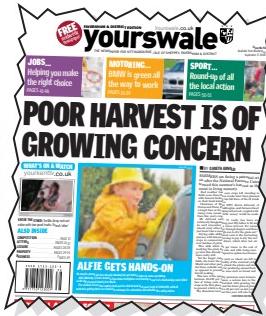
We moved to Faversham in 1992 after returning to Britain. Since then, we have become very fond of the town and its surrounding areas with so much of historical interest and easily accessible sites to visit. Faversham proved a good place to bring up our children, all of whom attended the Abbey School.

#### What do you like to do when you're not working?

My main interest is my family, they keep me pretty busy.



## YOUR LETTERS



### We reap what the Government sowed

It is unfortunate that farmers are facing a crisis when it comes to crops but there is a group who can be held responsible – the Government.

Their knee-jerk response to the calls for controls on immigration has effectively prevented the large numbers of migrant workers with immense experience in agriculture from coming to these shores to assist with the harvest at this time of year.

While accepting reform of the immigration system is necessary – why target a group of hard-working individuals who benefit this country by gathering local produce and ensuring expensive imports are kept to a minimum?

Angela Jarvis  
Faversham

### Speed cameras are no use whatsoever

So there are to be more speed cameras between Sittingbourne and Faversham, according to a

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These devices do absolutely nothing for road safety – all they do is raise funds from helpless motorists.

No wonder people are getting frustrated with the way things are in the UK.

Mike Jones  
Faversham

## Fundraisers to go on hunt for scarecrows



### Scarecrows are a sign of individuality

Good to see that Ospringe is continuing with its plans for the scarecrows; signs of individuality are always welcome and make the Kent countryside what it is.

Let's hope that no mindless vandals take it into their heads to damage what will be a good tourist attraction.

Pat Hawes  
By email

### Know where your food is coming from

I love food and think it is important that we think about what we eat – where it comes from and how it is produced.

More than 900 million animals are reared for food every year – that's a staggering number. If we want them to enjoy a higher standard of welfare, we all need to do our bit.

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them are labelled "do gooders" and branded as interfering.

This shows this is clearly not the case. People who want to help others cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on those around them.

**Penelope Greene**  
By email



## Pretty faces a break from the monotony

It's good to see the number of lovely girls in Kent as you demonstrated last week with the 'Queen of the Teens' story.

In these days of doom and gloom when everyone seems to be complaining about the credit crunch and lack of money around this sort of light hearted news is always very cheering.

**Nigel Hamilton**  
By email

## Volunteers deserved their police awards

It was good to see the police are honouring those volunteers who make a difference in our community.

Too often people who want to take an interest in what goes on around

## We're paying price for greedy bankers

The news that the economy is suffering can be put down to one thing and one thing only – greed.

The investment bankers who sold mortgages to people who could never afford them and piled up cash advances which could never be repaid all in the name of their own bonuses are the ones we have to blame for this misery.

It is no wonder that hard pressed ordinary wage earners have so little confidence in the banking system when rogue traders can cost them their jobs and homes.

**Mike Abbott**  
By email

## Invicta chiefs are not listening to audience

So Invicta FM is to undertake a multi-million pound rebrand in a move designed to make it easier to sell more advertising and attract more listeners?

This seems rather arrogant; do listeners need more advertising? Wouldn't listeners prefer less inane chat, much more music, more local news, views and information?

Did the pirate stations of the

Sixties (which we have to thank for the local radio stations now dotted across the country) really fight for "selling more advertising"? No I don't think so.

**Bob Sharp**  
Herne Bay

## Is Invicta's change of heart a sound move?

Interesting to read that Invicta is set to change its name under a rebranding exercise. But I do hope that it doesn't lose its local identity and just become part of a sort of national sub BBC station.

What makes Invicta special is the way that it concentrates on issues and personalities important to Kent.

I really hope this continues and doesn't just turn into a clone of other stations with no relevance to people in the county.

**Maria Parkes**  
By email

## Radio station has lost its Kentish appeal

While it's a shame to see Invicta lose its name, I do think over recent months it has become more of a national channel with Kent flavouring rather than a dish entirely home cooked.

For example, a Sunday night sees the chart show then a syndicated show by Jason Donovan. Nothing wrong with that, but it has eaten away at the heart of the station which was once so very Kentish.

**T Guthrie**  
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Over the weekend of September 27-28 the public can explore the Tinker Bell trails in Pixie Hollow near Dartford.

Set long before Peter Pan and the Lost Boys soared into Neverland, the world's most beloved fairy and her friends were bringing their own special magic to the world and now you can get a sprinkling of fairy dust with this spectacular full-length animated movie filled with magic and adventure, with the release of the DVD on November 10.



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Question: What is the name of the most famous Lost Boy?

- a) David Pan
- b) Peter Pan
- c) George Pan

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# Feel the vibe at the Village

## Village Hotel

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Not only is the menu deliciously dotted with modern classics, no-one can fail to appreciate the ambience – spot on when it comes to the discerning diner and drinker.

The Victory is a traditional pub within the hotel and offers a great choice of quality beers alongside a choice of wine and pub food.

Meanwhile Verve Grill has a wide range of fresh, modern, European dishes with regular menu changes to keep both staff and customers on their toes – and waiting for the latest treat.

Then there is the ever popular Sunday Best – a four course carvery lunch which costs just £13.95 – and diners can fill up their plates



with good food as many times as they want.

Chef Paul Rutter displays passion and commitment when it comes to food and has the right balance when it comes to individuality and the team – making for a happy kitchen.

Because of the facilities on offer many people decide to go no further than the village when it comes to a full leisure experience.

David White, deputy general manager, has

16 years experience in the trade throughout London and the south east.

He said: "We are now taking bookings for Christmas – it's a time for giving our customers more at Village Maidstone. There is so much festive fun to enjoy so whether you fancy dancing the night away or the perfect family Christmas dinner we can provide it – and more."

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Jeff Wilder, operations manager, said: "Most people love the restaurant due to a combination of staff and ambience which come together to make a great restaurant. People come to us to celebrate the cuisine and hospitality Thailand is famous for."

Thai cuisine is known for its balance of five flavors in each dish or the overall meal: hot (spicy), sour, sweet, salty and bitter (optional).

Although usually considered as a single cuisine, Thai food would be more accurately described as four regional

cuisines from the regions of the country: Northern, North eastern (or Isan), Central and Southern. Southern curries, for example, contain coconut milk and turmeric, while north eastern dishes include lime.

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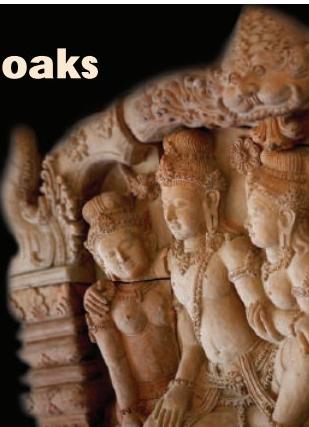
Carpaccio of home cured venison with a horseradish and water cress parfait, oxford blue cheese and roast walnut salad to start. Then rump of lamb with vegetables. White chocolate pannacotta finished with a mango puree finishes off the meal.

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# Old-favourite stages return

### 'ALLO 'ALLO

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Set in war-torn France, the popular BBC sitcom ran for more than 85 episodes.

The last episode was broadcast in 1992, with a reunion special last year, but now the farcical antics of René Artois and the motley characters who surround him has been brought to the stage.

Jeffrey Holland, former star of Hi-de-Hi!, takes over the role made famous by Gordon Kaye as the put-upon café owner Vicki Michelle will return to her role as Yvette the sexy waitress who can't keep her hands off her boss while new actors will fill the roles of René's tone-deaf wife Edith, waitress Mimi, the drawling Officer Crabtree, Michelle of the French Resistance and his other well-known patrons.

The play follows one of the series' most famous storylines involving the legendary Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies, a priceless painting by Van Klomp.

Stolen by German Colonel Von Strohm, René has been forced to hide it in a sausage in his cellar on the Colonel's behalf. While René and Edith attempt to keep the portrait for themselves, it is also wanted by Hitler who dispatches Gestapo agent Otto Flick to recover it.

### Juggles

Trying to safeguard the painting is the least of René's problems, as he finds himself juggling the attentions of his two attractive waitresses.

Keeping his affairs with both secret from Edith causes him plenty of stress, but the French Resistance, led by Michelle, also makes demands on his time and sanity.

Embroiled in continuing failed attempts to return two bumbling British airmen to England, the Resistance constantly calls on René to risk life and limb to help them.

Rene dreads the moment when Michelle arrives in her beret and raincoat and, leaning close, hisses: "Listen very carefully, I will say ziz only once..."

Aided by the incompetent Englishman Crabtree, disguised as a gendarme and struggling with his terrible French – "Good moaning" – René battles to keep his head, his café and his life as he juggles the demands of his family, friends and the occupying forces.

Say 'bonjour' to the most wanted man in France when 'Allo 'Allo visits the Orchard Theatre next week.

Performances start at 7.45pm daily with 2.30pm matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets are priced from £14.50, concessions and family/group rates available. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit the website at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).

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BEER, chocolate and even snails will all be on the menu at Eurofair with the Kent Food and Drink Festival.

The free event offers people the chance to discover an array of food and drink from both local producers and foreign shores. The three-day festival has been organised by local produce champions Produced in Kent, in part-

nship with Canterbury council.

As well as seeing the finest produce from Kent and Europe on display in the magnificent food market, visitors can learn how to use it to create delicious dishes during the cookery demonstrations. These will include a presentation by Mark Rossi, executive chef at

guitar players in the world.

This year he picked up two prestigious awards at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards – Best Album for Prodigal Son and Best Original Track for Never Any Good. He has long been acclaimed for his ability to tell a story in song

form, accompanied by his breathtaking guitar music, and his sound has been described by critics as "distinctive coiled-spring beauty and power".

His award-winning album Prodigal Son, released last year, received rave reviews and achieved strong sales, making it Simpson's most successful album to date. Following its release he appeared on BBC's Later... with Jools Holland to perform Duncan & Brady, which earned him a hug from the Rolling Stone's Ronnie Wood.

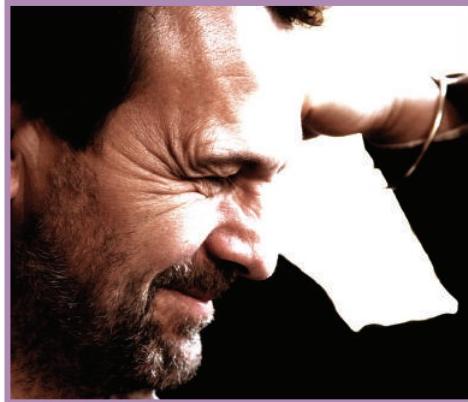
In 2006 he picked up a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ards Guitar Festival and has worked with some of folk's great figures, such as Jackson Browne, David Lindley, June Tabor and Martin Carthy.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15. Call 01227 769075 or see [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

## MARTIN SIMPSON

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AWARD-WINNING folk musician Martin Simpson has been described as one of the finest acoustic and slide



## THE COMMITMENTS

Thursday, October 2  
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MEMBERS of legendary on-screen band The Commitments are now in their 16th year of touring.

The fictional incarnation shot to fame in Sir Alan Parker's Oscar-nominated 1991 film, adapted from Roddy Doyle's novel about a group of unemployed Dubliners who form a soul band. Band members from the cast took the real-life Stars From The Commitments out on the road and are still selling out venues and festivals all over the country.

The line-up of Stars From The Commitments includes guitarist Kenneth McCluskey, who played Derek The Meatman Scully in the film, and Billy Massey who played drummer Billy 'The Animal' Mooney.



A poll held in 2005 voted The Commitments to be the best Irish film of all time and it won a number of BAFTA awards, including Best Film and Best Director.

Audiences can expect a live experience that recreates the exhilaration of the movie, with classic hits such

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### Icelandic tunes bring fire to the folk club

MUSIC fans can experience fire from the land of ice when Funi pay a visit to Faversham Folk Club tonight.

Bára Grimsdóttir and Chris Foster make up Funi, an old Icelandic word for Fire. The pair are renowned performers of traditional songs from Iceland and England, accompanying vocals with the guitar and rare Icelandic instruments.

They will be at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £6 for members, £7 for non-members. To book call Mary on 01795 534368.

### Go dotty over artistic celebration of culture

THE first in a series of events as part of Swale – A Celebration of Cultures opens at the Polka Dot Art Centre next week.

An exhibition by James Allchin, the first winner of the Swale Arts Bursary Award, opens in the centre's Long Room gallery on Friday, October 3, and runs until October 26. The Polka Dot Art Centre can be found in London Road, Teynham.

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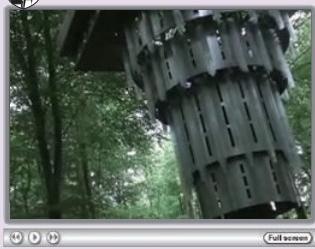
INTERNATIONAL saxophonist Paul Booth will be appearing at Orange Street Music Venue in Canterbury tonight.

Booth is one of the jazz scene's most prominent figures and has played in a variety of genres, working with a range of stars from Eric Clapton to The Supremes. A member of the Steve Winwood Band, he is a regular at Ronnie Scott's jazz club in London. The Paul Booth Quartet will perform from 8pm. See [www.orangestreetmusic.com](http://www.orangestreetmusic.com).

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## SWALE SHOPPING

### Console Xboxes clever with cunning price cut

VIDEO game fans will be able to snap up an Xbox 360 cheaper than ever before this week after Microsoft slashed prices.

In a bid to close the gap between market leading Nintendo Wii and arch rival the Sony PlayStation3, Microsoft have knocked £30 off their three main models.

The basic arcade model now costs £129.99, the 60gb version £169.99 and the Elite option £229.99. Crucially it brings the price below the Wii. The price cuts came into force last Friday.

### Feel confidently sexy with scent of a singer

POP singer Christina Aguilera's new fragrance for women is now available.

The scent, which is full of fun and femininity, was inspired by the singer's confidence and sexiness. Inspire is packed with fruity and floral tones including the star's favourite flowers tuberose and gardenia, rounded off with base notes of sensual musk and sandalwood.

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### By George! Sales take off in supermarket

ASDA's move up the ranks took another mighty stride last week after the latest figures revealed it was now the nation's second-biggest supermarket for food and drink.

Sitting behind Tesco, Asda overtook Sainsbury's with food and drink sales in the four weeks to September 7 up more than 10 per cent. Asda is already the second biggest supermarket when sales for its non-food ranges are included, overtaking Sainsbury's some five years.

Discount outlet Aldi saw sales soar by 23 per cent. All the shifts are blamed on the credit crunch.

### Camp merchandise to rock the movie charts

WOOLWORTHS is hoping its range of merchandise to accompany the latest Disney Channel movie hit Camp Rock will soar up the sales charts.

The movie, which received its premiere on the subscription-only channel on Friday, follows in the footsteps of the hugely popular High School Musical in appealing to the teenage market.

And the high street chain is already taking pre-orders for the DVD release, as well as a range of mobile phones and other trinkets. See [www.woolworths.co.uk](http://www.woolworths.co.uk) for more information.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**MASSIVE**  
BBC Three, 10.30pm, Monday  
**QUESTION TIME**  
BBC One, 10.35pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

BBC Three has hardly become a must-watch, national institution since its launch in 2003.

Aside from the now sadly departed and excellent Australian import Summer Heights High, most of the channel's schedule is TV-lite aimed at teenagers and I can count the number of good shows on the fingers of one hand.

But now I may have to get the other hand out as they have a charming winner in Massive.

This new sitcom sees two northern lads living out any discerning New Order fan's dream and setting up a record label of their own using £10,000 left to them in a nan's will.

The dearth of talent in their locality does not bode too well for the newly formed, and fittingly named, Shady Records who sign brazen, huge-bosomed podgy girl duo Here Kitty Kitty.

Putting their faith in the two gobby lasses screams desperation rather than expectation, but it's a clever little plot device, adding a bit of chemistry as well as humour.

Scuttling about in their snottily coloured Austin Allegro, even though this is still set in the present, best friends and fresh-faced label bosses Danny (Ralf Little) and Shay (Carl Rice) have a certain air of a Likely Lad skiving off work with a Gallagher brother, about them.

Among others, episode one held this deadpan gem: "So why did you get out of the music biz then?", Shay asks his ne'er-do-well dad Tony, played



**LAUGH OUT LOUD:** Ralf Little plays record label boss Danny in the BBC Three comedy Massive

by Johnny Vegas.

"I dunno, I think I just preferred stealing," came the honest self-assessment. Catch part three of this excellent little prospect on Monday night, it deserves a bigger audience than it is probably getting.

And if you missed parts one and two, there's always BBC iPlayer for catching up in you're quick.

From the light to the more heavy duty, as perennial news debate show Question Time has returned for a new run.

With Gordon Brown looking like a Prime Minister on his last legs, the economy in freefall faster than Usain Bolt heading for the finish line, it should be a livelier than normal series.

The Beeb has livened it up in recent years with appearances from non politicians like Ian Hislop, David Mitchell and Marcus Brigstocke who usually show that if you're not bowing to the whims of focus groups every ten minutes, a little common sense can go a long way.

You may well enjoy it more than you would have first thought.

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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

EXPANDING your horizons makes you rely on your intuition more. That's what happens when you don't have experience to guide you. At times you'll make mistakes, but they'll prove to be valuable learning experiences. The most impressive name isn't necessarily the best one.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)

YOU'LL be working extra hard this week, attending to the thousands of details involved with a big project. This is one of those times where you have to be picky and demanding. People may not appreciate your exacting standards, but they will ultimately benefit from them.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR mind will be going a mile a minute. You're starting to reconsider whether the way you've been doing things is best for your current situation. Learning how to operate a machine or use a software programme could save you lots of time and money.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

BREAKING through a creative block could just be a matter of tuning into your subconscious. Pay attention to your dreams, they might give you a valuable clue about your next move. If you think you don't dream, it's just because you're not trained to remember your night visions.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GETTING involved with a humanitarian endeavour is a great idea. Recently, you've felt cut off from your fellow man, but this can be quickly changed once you join a charitable organisation. Working on behalf of those who need help will give you a renewed sense of purpose.

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### PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)

YOU'RE feeling especially sexy and alluring this week. Attracting romantic attention will be no trouble at all. Your problem will be fending off unwanted lovers. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good week to inject some extra passion into the mix.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE idea of leaving a legacy has been playing on your mind. The important thing is to leave your mark on the world. Normally, you don't think in such serious terms, but this week could prove the exception to the rule. You're starting to realise you have been given unique gifts.

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### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

HAVING a secure base of operations has always been essential to your well-being. A bank loan could make all the difference. Moving in with a lover or having a child will make you even more determined to create a cosy comfortable cocoon of domestic life.

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### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'VE never looked or felt better. The confidence you radiate opens doors that were previously closed to you. If you've been thinking of changing your appearance, do so, but avoid permanent changes like piercings or tattoos just in case you change your mind in times to come.

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### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE always interested in advancing your career, but you'll be especially focussed on success and progress this week. Perhaps an authority figure has stepped down, leaving a position open for you. Maybe you'll get wind of a job at an organisation you've always wanted to work for.

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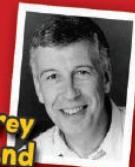
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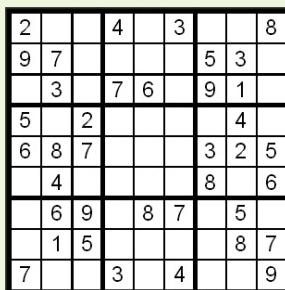
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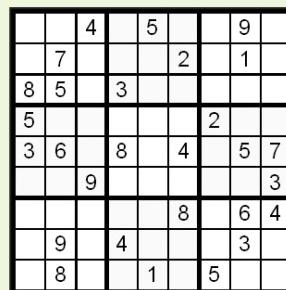
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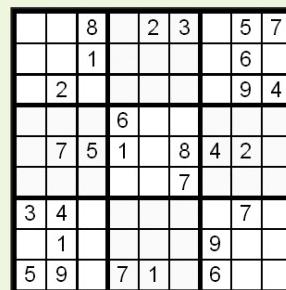
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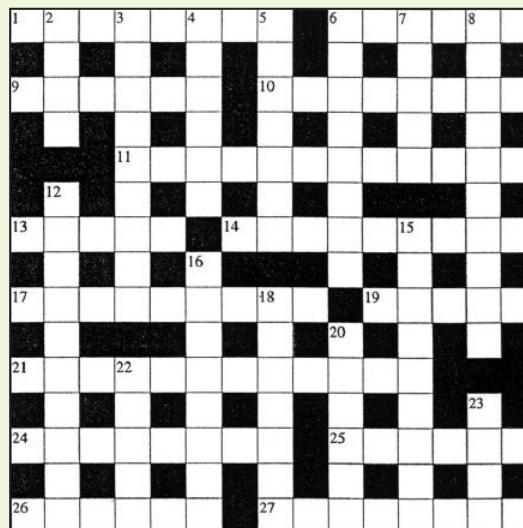


### CRYPTIC CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 1 Athlete's rehearsal? (5,3)
- 6 Flexible western dropout (6)
- 9 Guarantee one will give personal assurance (6)
- 10 Teaching pupils individually under guardianship (8)
- 11 Map of Waterloo? (4,2,6)
- 13 Lisa acquainted with inner man (5)
- 14 Clinging to such a garment (9)
- 17 Newspaper about to be put back by dictionary (9)
- 19 Moved along the English (5)
- 21 Give up TV for a toy (4-2-3-3)
- 24 I mark and log off the weight (8)
- 25 Boots I repaired for an instrumentalist (6)
- 26 Means business (6)
- 27 Gesture without words during pantomime (8)
- DOWN
- 2 Split about four on the inside (4)
- 3 Does it fly under water or skid out of control in wet conditions? (9)
- 4 You cannot do this if it hasn't been warm previously (6)
- 5 Clear musical composition on grid (7)
- 6 Notice colour that hasn't dried (3,5)
- 7 Small detached area has tenants (5)
- 8 Compartment offering means of escape for bird first? (10)
- 12 Glance as it moves increasing rapidly (10)
- 15 Harmless beast entering pub promises to pay (9)
- 16 A stringy variety of fish (8)
- 18 Lately brought to light? (7)
- 20 Out in the garden perhaps (6)
- 22 Understood to be familiar (5)
- 23 Look after ducks in northern city (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 1 School holiday (4-4)
- 6 One owing money (6)
- 9 Motorboat (6)
- 10 Autumn month (8)
- 11 Signalling (12)
- 13 Sap (5)
- 14 Face the east (9)
- 17 Alpine flower (9)
- 19 Glib plausible talk (5)
- 21 Demagogue (6-6)
- 24 Stirred up public interest (8)
- 25 Refashion (6)
- 26 Soft breeze (6)
- 27 Dawn (8)

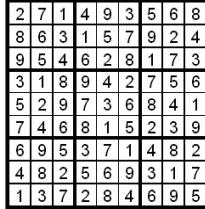
**DOWN**

- 2 Aside (4)
- 3 Very enthusiastic (9)
- 4 Breathe out (6)
- 5 Director (7)
- 6 Turned aside (8)
- 7 Official documents (5)
- 8 Each other (3,7)
- 12 Rectangular court (10)
- 15 High society (3-6)
- 16 Defector (8)
- 18 Rebuked (7)
- 20 A satyr (anag.) (6)
- 22 Bunch (5)
- 23 Acreage (4)

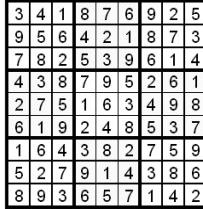
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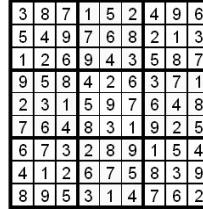
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1. Kayley Weller - A Long Drive Home (Deal)
2. Steve Furlong - Close (Birchington)
3. D-Finitive - Space (Tenterden)
4. Kayley Weller - Tonight Is Going To Be Our Night (Deal)
5. Ron Bowdry - Strange Sights On Bluebell Hill (New Eltham)

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# Instrumentally rocking

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ONE of the joys of contemporary popular music is there is something for everyone.

Cowboys and square dancers have country music, students have acid house, teenage girls have bubblegum pop and masochists have Take That.

Of course, the number of sub-genres branching off the mainstream pop, rock, indie, rap categories runs into the thousands, catering for every music fan's particular taste.

With this in mind, I bring you the county's leading self-titled 'instrumental stoner rockers' Sons of Alpha Centauri, guest band on The Ether.

Quite how big the instrumental stoner rock scene extends is anyone's guess, but SOAC are leading the way in Kent.

The Swale-based quartet, named after the brightest star in the constellation Centaurus and the third brightest star visible from Earth, have established themselves as pioneers of progressive, layered riff rock since forming in 2001.

Their focus is on recording complex, musical landscapes, drawing influences from the worlds of classic rock through to avant-garde experimentation.

Despite their epic sound, bassist Nick Hannon said writing was not an overly long-winded process: "Song writing is not difficult at all for us really. When we have exhausted all emotion in a concept thread then the track concludes naturally."

"Revisions are occasionally made to tracks for live performance but often we'll find the writing process is ongoing and non-exhaustive due to the wide spectrum of styles and experimental ideas we incorporate into our sound.

"We don't work within boundaries."

Nick added that the band were much happier in the studio than on the road, keeping the band true to their 'artistic integrity over commercial gain' ethos.

He said: "Writing new material and keeping it real is the way forward for this band. We



**RARE:** Sons of Alpha Centauri hardly ever play live, with their upcoming gig being their only one this year

don't play live much at all – it's not a priority – well at least not at the moment anyway.

"Some bands have just four songs and play a hundred shows. We'd rather play four shows and have a hundred songs."

"That way we guarantee each show will be unique and never again replicated."

SOAC fans will be pleased to hear the band is due to play their first gig in 18 months – and their only show this year – in Sheerness in December.

Nick said the next step was to release an album, saying: "We've got a new album coming out soon which is a collaboration with Yawning Man from the United States and it's some pretty groundbreaking material in the instrumental arena."

"That band has influenced a lot of instrumental acts around the world so working with them was pretty inspirational."

• For more details about the band and their new album, visit [www.sonsofalphacentauri.co.uk](http://www.sonsofalphacentauri.co.uk).

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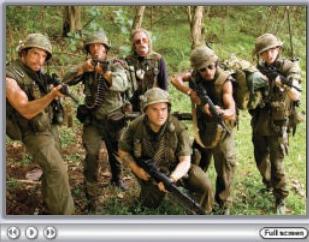
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THEN SHE FOUND ME (15)



April Eigner (Helen Hunt), teacher and all-around child-lover, is having a bad time. Her husband, Ben (Matthew Broderick), has announced he doesn't feel comfortable being married. Meanwhile, April is having problems of her own. Things don't get better when she meets her mum, Bernice (Bette Midler), who wants to make up for 39 years of lost bonding.

BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS (12A)



Bruno, the son of a Nazi concentration camp commandant, and his sister Gretel live in a mansion, but are one day suddenly moved to a place called Out-With (Auschwitz). Bruno, outraged by his father's decision to move and desperate to go home, spends his time in his room. In boredom, he wonders what is going on at Out-With and why people are always dressed in striped pyjamas there.

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# Eva's keeping it real

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

HOLLYWOOD may be awash with botox, boob jobs and face lifts, but not every actress is caving into the pressure to be surgically enhanced and stick-thin.

In fact, despite being nicknamed Bugsy when she was growing up because of her prominent teeth, Eva Mendes is more than happy in her own skin.

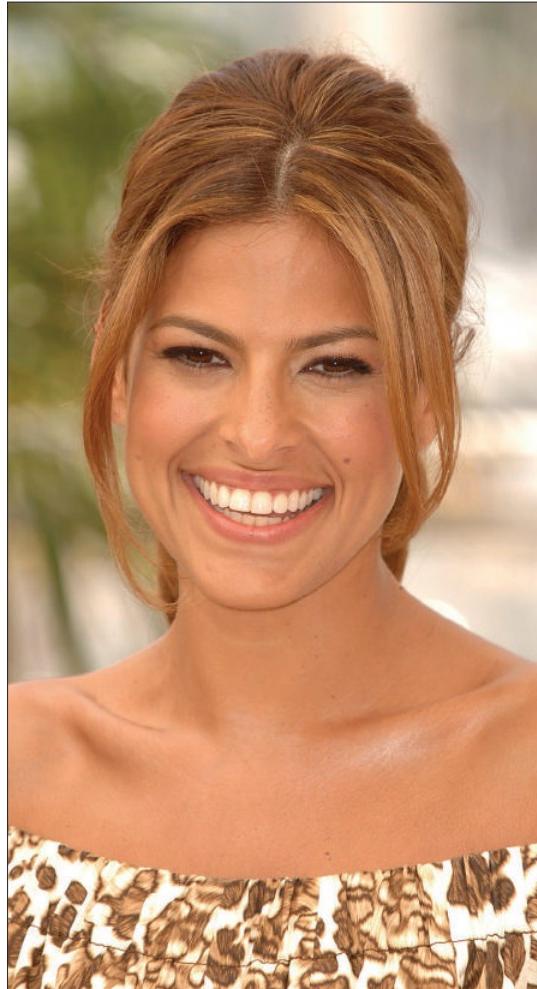
"I'm definitely not a stick figure," she says frankly.

"I've always maintained the weight I've wanted to maintain. I made my own rules. I decided when I first started that I wasn't going to change for anybody, whether it was my name or my teeth or whatever. This is it and this is what you get. I feel like people respect you – especially men – more in this industry, when you're not the vision of perfection, yet you're your own vision, your own kind of unique individual."

Society's growing lust for fame and notoriety is one of the themes of Eva's new film *Live!*, in which she plays a television executive under pressure to bring her network bigger ratings.

The character, Katy, hits on the idea of the ultimate reality show. Called *Live!*, it features six contestants playing Russian roulette with a revolver. Five of its six chambers are loaded with bullets and during the show the cylinder is randomly turned, with the six firing the gun at their heads until one is killed.

"It's a film which comments on this reality TV culture we're all in," Eva explains. "My character is one of these women who is very hungry but she's also been hired to bring her network to number



STYLE: Eva Mendes decided from the start that she wouldn't change for anybody

one. So I actually admire her for having the balls to step up in a man's world. I know I've certainly had to struggle to keep my head above water in a man's world and to prevail, while still keeping my dignity and femininity intact.

"A lot of women are going to be able to relate to her in a sense, even if she goes a little further than most of us would."

Eva says she hopes the film will get audiences thinking.

"What we're left with is a really thought provoking film which makes you think, 'Is that right?', 'Is that disgusting?'. It is disgusting but it is freedom of speech".

"There are so many questions that pop up. I don't have any answers. It ends up very open ended and I like that, because it lets the audience decide what's right or wrong."

Living in Los Angeles, Eva tries not to embrace her own fame too much. She has managed to live a fairly low-key existence, working her way up through Hollywood with films like *Hitch*, *Once Upon A Time in Mexico* and *We Own the Night* with Joaquin Phoenix and Mark Wahlberg.

She has been dating her producer boyfriend George Gargurevich for six years and manages to mostly live under the radar.

She temporarily found herself the subject of some unwanted publicity when she was admitted to rehab back in February for 'personal issues' – but the topic remains strictly off-limits today.

But as her profile continues to grow with upcoming movies including *The Women* with Meg Ryan and *The Spirit* with Samuel L Jackson, she may find her privacy in the face of the ever-lurking Los Angeles paparazzi a little more precious.

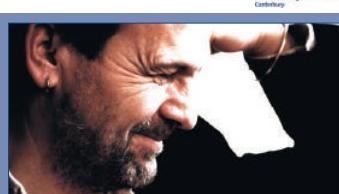


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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Improving now easier as Flint relaxes the planning laws

THE Government has relaxed planning permission rules for home-owners looking to build extensions.

Under the changes, people planning to extend for the first time will be able to do so without needing to pay up to £1,000 to be granted specific planning permission.

As a result, some 80,000 of all household applications will be removed from the planning system each year.

However, larger extension will still need permission.

Housing minister Caroline Flint said: "I am scrapping the red tape so it is much easier to convert the loft into that extra bedroom and build on an extension."

"Often people grow out of the family home, but now those who don't really want to move will find it easier to improve instead."

### Want to save £15,000 on stamp duty?

BARRATT, the UK's largest housebuilder is offering incentives to new home-buyers.

Following on from the Government's decision to implement a stamp duty holiday on properties up to a value of £175,000, Barratt is offering to pay the three per cent stamp duty charged on new Barratt homes worth between £250,000 and £300,000.

This initiative could save buyers up to £15,000 on the purchase.

In addition, Barratt will pay the one per cent levy imposed when buyers select a home worth between £175,000 and £250,000.

The incentives offered also include the promise to refund any losses on a home bought between now and Christmas if the buyer sells at a loss in the next three years.

# New home-buyers have a good deal to shout about



HARD SELL: Building work on new homes has slowed... but incentives and price cuts mean keys to a brand new house have become increasingly tempting



### Incentives could be key to getting on property ladder

HOME-builder Redrow is the latest to launch incentives to tempt buyers.

While builders across the county have been slashing prices on new homes – you can buy a two-bedroom home brand new in Herne Bay for under £100,000 – Redrow says that with a range of help, advice and incentives available under the badge of 'reassurance', those who do make the move now can find some excellent value in the market.

The credit crunch has hit the business nationwide, but some areas, including Kent, have seen a less dramatic drop in prices due to desirability of residence and a market which was not overstretched to begin with.

But as the market slowed some areas report

■ BY NICK AMES

it's not all bad – one estate agent in Cheriton sold five house in a week, which is better than last year.

Redrow is typical of new home builders anxious to ensure the housing market continues to expand and aggressive marketing will see continued competition for the buyers hard-won mortgage cash.

Neil Fitzsimmons, chief executive of Redrow, said: "It's a time of opportunity for home-buyers to take advantage of attractive deals that are currently available and secure themselves a brand new home that will also save them money on heating and fuel bills.

"Our ability to help with a deposit, stamp duty and other moving costs, to maybe take a customer's existing property in part-exchange, or allowing them to defer up to 25 per cent of the initial purchase price for up to 10 years on selected plots, gives new homes the edge over the secondhand market.

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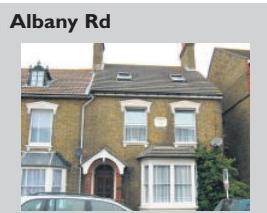
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Kent Skoda dealers' get Superb curtain-raiser

SKODA dealers across Kent have staged major launch events for the all-new Superb family/executive model as the Czech brand goes all out to attack the Ford Mondeo sector.

The newcomer, with its distinctive boot cum hatchback feature, also maintains Skoda's reputation for value with prices from £15,490.

Skoda has also upped the spec on its hot Octavia vRS hatchback with £1,100 of equipment including 18-inch 'Zenith' alloys, dual zone climate control, jumbo box central armrest with auxiliary MP3 socket, rear electric windows and cruise control.



### Baileys' zero per cent an attractive proposition

CREDIT crunch-busting deals starting from zero per cent finance have been unveiled by Baileys Nissan of Canterbury to cover the Japanese brand's car and 4x4 ranges.

These include the multiple award-winning Qashqai crossover, the X-Trail SUV, the clever Note five-door family model and the funky and economical Micra supermini line-up (from £5,995).

Brian Smith of Baileys Nissan said: "We're inviting customers to come along to the dealership and browse our great range of cars at competitive prices."



### Deft new stroke could be a mini masterpiece

CITROËN calls its new C3 Picasso a 'baby MPV', but there are echoes of off-road styling in here as well as the rural functionality of Citroën classics such as the Dyane and Ami.

In a market now obsessed by more space and mileage for your money though, its chunky style will be rather less important than how well the long and airy cabin lives up to the versatility of Citroën's Picasso MPV sub-branding when it arrives early next year.



**STANDING OUT:** Daihatsu's cut-price mini people carrier the Materia has impressed many observers with its enormous interior and paltry price – starting at £10,995

## Cut-price Daihatsu has us living in the Materia world

BUY a Materia and never be alone, could be Daihatsu's advertising line for its cut-price mini people carrier.

It is one of those motors that people notice and ask about, with styling that blends retro American custom car and front and rear-ended wreck with limo for the party elite in the People's Republic of La-La Land.

Comments are not always flattering, but everyone is impressed by the enormous interior and paltry price – just £10,995 for a single well-equipped model, although new Kent dealer Cheriton Motor House at Folkestone has gone one step further with a funky hot-rod custom kit.

Even without add-ons, the ground-hugging Materia really stands out against relatively dull looking rivals.

In addition to front and side airbags, air con, electric windows all round, six-speaker sound system, alloys, under-boot storage and front fog lamps, the car also comes with Daihatsu's five-year/unlimited miles warranty.

There is the further bonus of a sliding/reclining rear seat, allowing the Materia to offer limo-style rear legroom or maximum boot

### ROAD TEST DAIHATSU MATERIA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

space as required, while reclining is not only good for adult passengers on long journeys but better for fitting child seats.

Pushing the rear seats right back and then reclining the front ones creates a decent bed settee too. Headroom and cabin storage is excellent, but the car's spaciousness – its biggest selling point – loses impact through a universally black interior.

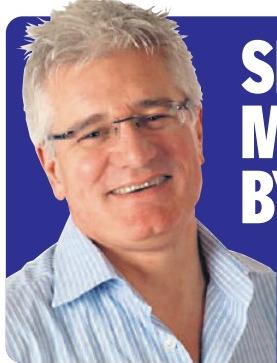
A short overhang/long wheelbase chassis gives the Materia a decent ride and grip though it does wallow a bit on the bends when laden.

Mind you, the five-speed manual shift – a four-speed auto is also offered – is a bit too warty for spirited driving, while the 102bhp 1.5-litre petrol engine is willing, but lets you know about it under acceleration although motorway cruising is acceptable.

The unit's 169g/km of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions also places the car in a relatively high road tax banding costing £170/year.

The centre-mounted speedo and tiny indicator repeaters paired with a feeble audible warning do not make the driver's job easy either, but you cannot ignore the Materia's value, space or sense of fun.

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SUPERMINI design has become formulaic in recent years, so Nissan gains lots of credit for daring to be different with the Micra. It's an eye-catcher inside and out and facelifts have maintained its cheeky appeal. Engine options are impressive throughout the range, including some excellent Renault-sourced diesels. The Sunderland-built three and five-door line-up also includes a coupé convertible and lively and trendy Sport range with a flagship, the 160SR, to rival cars like the Mini One and Ford Zetec S.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### HONDA CR-V



HONDA's refined sports utility vehicle (SUV) enjoyed a boost when the second generation line-up gained a much-needed diesel option. This helped make it more popular even though it is not quite as stylish as its predecessor. It was also more spacious and capable, drove well, and was produced to a high standard at Honda's highly efficient Swindon plant. It was replaced recently by a smarter and less utilitarian CR-V that Honda hopes will avoid the environmental backlash against 4x4s.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

#### TOYOTA AVENSIS



TOYOTA has built three generations of its family car model at a plant near Derby, but the latest Avensis – following the first-generation Avensis and dull Carina E – is more than just an ultra-reliable company hack with some good diesel options. There is much Lexus luxury engineering underneath, allowing the Avensis to attack the market share of the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra. The estate drives well and carries a decent load too, though unadventurous styling keeps Avensis prices affordable.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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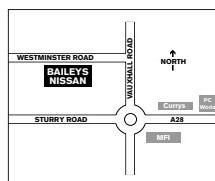
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**Fiat**

FIAT DUCATO, 14 2.8 jtd, 02/2002, 14 seats minibus rohrl tpi 40,000 miles, 211000 miles, 10990, suspension exc condition, campervan conversion, £6995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)**

**FORD**

C-MAX, 1.6 TDCi Zetec 5dr 05/07ze, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, computer driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, silver, 9000 miles, £11995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**ESCORT, 1.6 LX [AC], 1997, insurance group 7 owners central locking front electric windows drivers airbag power steering immobiliser, panther black, 81000 miles, £1489, A 1 Carriages, 01322 281525 (TRADE)**

**FIESTA 1.2 ZETEC, 2003 (03) (03) ford fiesta 1.25 zetec, finesse, 5 door hatch, stunning metallic blue**

coachwork with grey cloth trim, service history with recent service, new mot, remote central locking, alarm, low tax and insurance £4495, metallic blue, 86000 miles, £4495, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

**PISTA COURIER VAN, 1997 (n), 97 (r) ford fiesta 1.8 courier diesel van, white coachwork with grey cloth trim, recent mot, air bag, roof bars, bargain diesel van at £1695 now only £995, diamond white, 122000 miles, £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)**

**SANTA FE, 2.2 Crtd Cdtx+ 5dr Auto [7 Seats], 1999 (t), 99 (t) hyundai santa fe 2.2 crtd cdtx+ 5dr [7 seats]**

automobile body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior black, number of doors 5 interior beige, previous owners 2 interior trim, leather, cloth upholstery are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you, car now reduced to £18995, black, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**FUSION, 1.4 TDCi Style 5dr [Climate] (2005 -), 02/2007, cd player abs**

airbag power steering immobiliser, a/c, electric windows, blue, 25324 miles, £7200, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**GALAXY, 1.9 TD Ghia 5dr [130 PS], 09/2007, 04/2007, cd player abs**

airbag power steering immobiliser, a/c, electric windows, blue, 25324 miles, £7200, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**TERRACAN, 2.9 Crtd 5dr Auto, 1403649, hyundai terracan 2.9 crtd 5dr auto £9, 990.00, registration kr05myt, price £8, 990.00, registered 2005 mileage 24000 miles, transmission automatic**

mpv, 4x4, 5 door, a/c, electric windows, blue, 19908 miles, £10995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**GRANADA, Ghia Sapphire Auto, 149273, alarm, central locking, locking wheel nuts, full leather, centre armrest, rear armrest, power steering, child locks, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, sunroof, uk specification, 15" alloys, one of only seven remaining in existence, lots of reasonable cars in its class but now show signs of wear, some minor body work required to bring to top condition, any enquiries please call alan on 01622 600 456, viewing by appointment only, blue over silver, 74500 miles, £2495, Kent Motovation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)**

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**GRAND CHEROKEE, efs15 eu3, front fog lamps, side steps, roof rails, privacy glass, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, rear armrest, full leather, electric windows, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, electric seats, heated seats, height adjustable seat, headrests, rear wash/wipe, rear air conditioning, climate control, radio, cassette, cd player, twin air bags, curtain airbags, trip computer, a/c, power steering, cruise control, dvd player, alloy wheels: 4x4, playstation, black, £3500 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)**

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Experience of working with young people in an educational, Youth and Community or similar environment would be an advantage.

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### TEACHERS OF ENGLISH & HISTORY for January 2009 start

Please submit full CV giving details of previous experience and the name of two referees to the Mrs S Chisholm, Personnel Administrator at Northfleet School for Girls, Hall Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AQ or email: [personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk)  
Closing date for applications: 2 October 2008

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For this role you will need experience of supporting people in at least one of the following areas: mental health, learning disability, substance misuse, or vulnerable older people.

You must have genuine commitment to make a difference and have a flexible approach. Excellent communication and motivational skills are essential as you will be working closely with a broad range of people.

You will encourage self-sufficiency and independence while at the same time providing clients with the support and guidance they need to get back on their feet. You may also be required to give practical 'hands on' help in life skills in some cases.

You must be well organised, able to work on your own initiative and have a full driving licence and access to a vehicle for business use.

To request an application pack contact Clare Cornwell on 01732 749451 or email [clare.cornwell@wkha.org.uk](mailto:clare.cornwell@wkha.org.uk)

**Closing date: 29 September 2008**

**Interview date: w/c 6 October 2008**

This post is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check.

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## Hourly Paid Lecturers/Facilitators

### Can you make a difference?

Have you ever considered whether your skills and experience are needed by a Further and Higher Education College? Mid-Kent College is actively seeking to recruit hourly paid Lecturers and Facilitators in the following areas:

#### Lecturers

#### Hourly Rate: £19.74 - £32.39 (including holiday component)

- Civil Engineering
- Domestic Gas Trainer/Assessor
- IT and Business
- Healthcare
- Psychology
- Electrical Installation
- Assessors for Motor Vehicle Body & Paint
- Mechanical Engineering
- Brickwork
- Catering
- Public Services
- Childcare
- Motor Vehicle

#### Facilitators

#### Hourly Rate: £9.98 (including holiday component)

Sessional Facilitators are required to work with and provide assistance to learners and Lecturers. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are essential.

#### Work Placement Co-ordinator

#### Hourly Rate: £9.98 (including holiday component)

We require an hourly paid Work Placement Co-ordinator to assist with the placing, monitoring and assessing of students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in their work placements. For further information please contact the Personnel department on 01634 884511.

**The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.**

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title.

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**Discover your Potential**

Mid-Kent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

### Learner Advisor

Ref: P0131

#### Full-time/part-time/Job Share position £11,599 - £17,200 pro rata

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Learner Services team as a Learner Adviser. The successful applicant will work in a front line area supporting existing and prospective learners whilst working with college staff to provide an excellent service. Initial sign-posting to internal and external agencies, good administration and I.T. skills, a flexible approach and the ability to work under pressure are all requisites for this customer focused position.

### Personal Tutor

Ref: P0005

#### (Full-time, Part-time & Fixed-term) £19,736 - £25,441 pro-rata

We currently have a number of opportunities for full-time and part-time Personal Tutors. As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification. When applying, please state clearly your preferred role.

### Departmental Secretary/Administrator

Ref: P0108

#### Salary: £11,599 to £17,200

The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently.

### Hourly Paid Facilitators

Ref: SE01

#### Hourly Rate: £8.93 (£9.98 including holiday component)

We are looking to appoint hourly paid Facilitators to work with individuals/groups of learners on curriculum support programmes devised by the curriculum staff and/or CAST Tutors. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are essential.

### Technician in Beauty

Ref: P0559

#### £11,599 - £17,200

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be able to demonstrate good organisational and communication skills and relevant experience within the beauty industry would be advantageous.

**Closing date: Wednesday, 8 October 2008**

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website [www.rbli.co.uk](http://www.rbli.co.uk) for information, advice and guidance.

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In order to meet the needs of patients we require experienced nurses to join the following nursing teams:

## NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Nurses with minor illness/injury experience are required to work alongside our GP workforce at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford for daytime and out-of-hours shifts as part of our A&E Front Ending Project.

We also require experienced minor illness nurses to work within our Out of Hours clinical bases within East Kent including Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey. Nurses will provide assessment and treatment for patients with urgent care needs, supported by PGDs and prescribing skills where appropriate.

## NURSE ADVISORS

Telephone Nurse Advisors are the first point of clinical contact for patients and we are currently recruiting for our Ashford Call Centre. Using clinical knowledge and skills alongside triage protocols you will decide the most appropriate pathway of care for patients and their symptoms.

## STAN (SINGLE TELEPHONE ACCESS NUMBER)

The STAN service has been commissioned by PCT's and is staffed by a team of experienced nurses and skilled support staff. We require nurses to join our team working between 8am and 8pm at our Ashford Call Centre to help plan patient care alongside GP's ensuring appropriate transfers of care for patients.

For an application pack or an informal discussion with the locality manager please contact Caroline Weetch, HR Assistant on 01732 376092 or e-mail caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk

Closing date for receipt of application: 10th October 2008

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### Head of Faculty Higher Education

08/112



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum

### Section Manager – Automotive Engineering

06/70

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

### Section Manager Construction Craft

08/12

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

### Section Manager – Sports, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

08/27



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

### International Manager

08/111

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

### Co-ordinator of WBL and other Part-time Motor Vehicle programmes including IMI ATA

CO106



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

### Coordinator of IMI and C & G Full-time Automotive Engineering Programmes

08/132

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

### Lecturer Public Services

07/31



18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Lecturer Health & Social Care

05/39

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum

### Lecturer Health & Social Care

L90



18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

07/04

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

08/133

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum. Temporary post to cover maternity leave.

### Lecturer Independent Living and Leisure Skills

08/135



9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Lecturer Independent Living and Leisure Skills

00/33

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Lecturer Performing Arts – Drama

08/100

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Supply Lecturers required in the following areas:

#### Sport

S/SPO



#### Computing

S/COM

#### Hairdressing

S/HAIR

#### Drama

S/DRA

#### Dance

S/DAN

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 29th September 2008 at 12 noon

### Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
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## Extraordinary People doing an Extraordinary Job



One of the country's leading providers of education and residential care for vulnerable young people are now recruiting. Due to expansion, our homes near Maidstone, Meopham and Bromley currently have vacancies for:

### Registered Manager

(Salary up to £33,900 plus bonus)

### Deputy Managers

(up to £22,980 plus £27 per sleep in allowance)

### Senior Residential Support Workers

(up to £20,040 plus £27 per sleep in allowance)

### Residential Support Workers

(up to £15,500 plus £27 per sleep in allowance)

### Waking Night Residential Support Workers

(up to £9.88 per hour)

As part of the team of carers, you will work closely with the young people, providing 24 hour intensive care and support within the home.

Ideal applicants will have had experience as a residential childcare practitioner or in education. You will need appropriate qualifications and experience to be considered for the Registered Manager, Deputy Manager and Senior RSW roles.

These positions come with an excellent benefits package and we take pride in the training and career opportunities we offer.

If you feel you have the skills and experience to succeed in any of these roles, please telephone our 24 hour recruitment hotline on 01536 509209 for an application pack or email [sitman@castlehomes.co.uk](mailto:sitman@castlehomes.co.uk). You can also access our recruitment web page on [www.castlecaregroup.co.uk](http://www.castlecaregroup.co.uk)

Closing date for completed applications: 6th October

Interviews will take place during week commencing: 13th October



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### Project Co-ordinator – College Redevelopment

08/117



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

### Trainer Demonstrator – Sport, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

04/106



18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

### Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based

TD13



18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

### Trainer Demonstrator – Maths/Physics

TD17



27.75 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

### Lab Technician (Resource Assistant)

RA18



18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

### Resource Assistant/Work Placement Organiser for Health and Social Care

RA17



18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

### Resource Assistant Animal Care and Land Based

04/98



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

### Placement Visitor within Early years/Playwork

04/116



19 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.

Salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT/ Retail & Commercial/ Leisure & Tourism/ Catering/ Business & Law

08/66



37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time. Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

### Curriculum Support Assistant within Health, Public Services and Care

08/131



37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.

Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

### Assistant Head Chef

RC01



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

### Catering Assistant

CA6



16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time.

Salary £11,801 pro rata per annum

### Night Cleaners

08/22



20 hrs per week, salary £6.13 per hour

### Full Time Cleaner

08/21



37 hrs per week, salary £6.13 per hour

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Creativity rewarded by awards short list

INTEGRATED marketing agency Adams Creative, which has offices in Maidstone and Ashford, has made the short list for the B2B Marketing Awards 2008.

It has been recognised for the "excellent" results it achieved for United Trust Bank in 2007.

Managing director Mike Adams said: "I'm thrilled that my team's hard work has been recognised by the judges."

The agency created a cost-effective lead generation campaign to promote United Trust Bank's bridging loan product, and generated results in a highly competitive marketplace.

The awards are owned and operated by B2B Marketing magazine.

Adams Creative made the short list in the 'Best limited budget campaign' category.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in London on November 6.

### What's the big idea?

KENT small businesses with big ideas to tackle climate change are being urged to compete for awards of up to £40,000 each through the Shell Springboard programme, which is in its fourth year.

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The deadline for entries is November 7. Full details and an online application form can be found at [www.shellspringboard.org](http://www.shellspringboard.org).

### Making a difference

A HOST of Kent charities has been given £50 each by the Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Chatham, Canterbury and Bexleyheath.

The handouts came from cash raised in Together We Make A Difference Week, in June, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the society's Charitable Foundation.

Customers and the public were invited to call into any of Yorkshire's 135 branches and 65 agencies to nominate their favourite local charity to receive a cash boost.

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# Gateway to recovery



**BRIDGING THE GAP:** The northern part of Kent will benefit from the development and investment plans put in place as part of the Thames Gateway when the economy bounces back

■ BY TONY PATEY

yield properties and land with planning or potential."

But he cautioned: "In times such as this it is important to take care, particularly with over-rented properties, high-risk tenants and secondary properties that look cheap but have little long-term potential."

He emphasised that while the property market was extremely difficult and challenging, business was still being done: "It's harder to achieve deals and not so exciting, but there are plenty of projects to work on and we are all getting on with it."

Mr Pilcher said that while the boom times could not go on for ever, the hangover we are experiencing is proving to be a very big one, with no sign of a quick bounce back."

While the hope had been that north Kent would, as a Government-designated development area and with the 2012 Olympics looming, be insulated from the downturn, the reality was that "when things get bad they get bad across the board".

But the brighter news was that north Kent and the Thames Gateway was, he hoped, much better placed for when the

market starts to recover.

He was guest speaker at a Property and Construction Club breakfast meeting, the fourth such get-together organised by law firm Thomson Snell and Passmore and Thames Gateway Property and Construction.

It was attended by more than 60 delegates from the region.

Looking at the market over the last 18 months, he said commercial investment sales volumes were down 50 per cent, commercial values were down 10 to 20 per cent. Bluewater alone had recently been down-valued 12 per cent – and occupier demand had weakened. The residential property market was in an even bleaker state, with sales values down 50 per cent overall but probably nearer 70 per cent in recent months. About 4,000 estate agents had already lost their jobs and Halifax, the country's leading agent, had shut 53 branches.

He said: "Certainly on the commercial side, occupiers are going to continue to be very important over the coming months and landlords are likely to cling to them, offering incentives and lower rents."

Mr Pilcher thought Government moves to underpin parts of the property market would probably not be enough to hasten recovery.

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# Town miss penalty and crash out of Vase



PENALTY MISS: Town skipper Lee Shearer missed a golden chance

## Defeat keeps East in relegation zone

SHEERNESS East remain rooted to the bottom of the Kent County Premier Division after suffering their fifth straight defeat.

The East lost 3-1 at Bromley Green at the weekend and remain in the relegation zone together with fellow Swale side Milton & Fulston United, who were beaten 2-1 at home to Phoenix Sports.

In Division One East, AFC Sheppey moved up to the third spot in the league after they claimed back-to-back victories with a 2-1 win at home to New Romney.

The islanders face their toughest test yet when they travel to league leaders Canterbury City at the weekend.

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Andy Hessianhaler was among a team of legends in a charity match at Bromley

## Bourne lose second game on the bounce

SITTINGBOURNE RFC suffered their second straight defeat of the season as they lost at home to newly-promoted Medway at The Grove.

The Bourne are yet to record a point in Kent 1 after they were defeated 25-15 at the weekend.

Medway dominated the first half, putting in an impressive performance with three tries before the break.

However, Sittingbourne came back in the second half and it was backs-to-the-wall for Medway, who managed to put their first points on the league table.

Sittingbourne lost their opening game of the Kent 1 season 23-5 to Old Gravesendians.

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## Faversham Town 0 Tunbridge Wells 1

FAVERSHAM Town were dumped out of the FA Vase at the weekend after a lacklustre performance at Salters Lane.

Lilywhite's goalkeeper Carl Hodgson made his first-team debut – called into the starting line-up literally minutes before kick-off – after first-choice keeper Kevin Readings picking up a groin injury during the warm-up.

Hodgson soon found himself busy, having to deal with efforts from Ross Cable and James Russell, but the 17 year-old put in a solid man-of-the-match performance.

However, there was little he could do to

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stop what proved to be the winning goal just after the half hour mark.

Former Town favourite Cable played the ball into Wesley Tate, who fired home with ease.

As half-time approached, Town were gifted a 'get out of jail card' as referee Keith Stone penalised Wells' Jo Fuller for a push inside the area.

Skipper Lee Shearer stepped up for the spot kick only to see his effort saved by a diving Michael Czanner, the ball was deflected back along the goal line and both Dave Soutan and Shane Hamshare reacted quickly with Hamshare bundling the ball into the net.

Wells protested about the severity of Hamshare's contact and after consulting with his assistant, the goal was disallowed.

The game should have been sealed on 72 minutes when a clumsy challenge on Cable by Ashley Brown saw the referee award the second penalty of the afternoon.

Cable stepped up but hit the ball so softly that Hodgson was able to readjust and collect the ball with ease.

Town had chances in the second half but failed to take them.

Co-manager Justin Luchford said: "We created a lot of chances in the second half and we should have won the game. I am very disappointed that we didn't."

"The only positive I can take from this game is that it doesn't affect our good league form."



WHAT NEXT?: After missing out on a place in the World Superbike Championship at Ducati and an announcement to change to Yamaha, Shane Byrne is looking at his options

# A Shakey future for Byrne after missed Ducati chance

## SUPERBIKES

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Ducati team in World Superbikes would be coming to fruition. At the meeting in Donington it was looking good for me to replace Troy Bayliss, but I think I have missed out on that opportunity."

It appears Japanese rider Noriyuki Haga is to be named as Bayliss' successor, but the Xerox Ducati team are yet to confirm this.

This week Byrne's British Superbike team

Airwaves Ducati have announced they will be competing in the British Superbike Championship for a further three years and will run Yamaha machines, rather than the Ducati bikes. This announcement has only served to increase the speculation that Byrne may leave the team.

He said: "I am not sure where it leaves me to be honest at the moment for next season."

"My manager is negotiating a deal for next year and we are looking at options."

"I have really enjoyed my time at Airwaves Ducati and unless anything big comes up then I will not be leaving them. We are still listening to offers but my main focus is to get the title under my belt."

The 32-year-old missed out on securing his second BSB title last weekend with a fourth and fifth place finish at Croft.

His lead in the championship has been cut to 92 points but he has four races over two meetings to clinch the title.

He added: "It was slightly frustrating that I did not get what I need to take the title."

"I am not going to worry about it too much though."

Byrne will be hoping to take the title at Silverstone next weekend in what could be his last season in the British championship.

# Home woes continue for struggling Brickies

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BY GLENN PEARSON

### Sittingbourne 1

### Fleet Town 3

SITTINGBOURNE are still looking for their first win at Bourne Park after being soundly beaten at home to Fleet Town.

The visitors raced into a three-goal lead shortly after half-time which means Gary Abbott's side have recorded just one point from 12 games at home.

New signing James Peacock made his debut for the Brickies on-loan from rivals Maidstone United, while Ryan Andrews was dropped and Billy Manners sat out with an injury.

The visitors, managed by former England, Tottenham and Queens Park Rangers midfielder Andy Sinton, had the first opportunity as early as the second minute when Damian Smith's goal-bound header was cleared off the line by Dave Milton.

Sittingbourne assistant boss Richard Brady had his side's best chance when he received a ball from Pat Bradley 20-yards from goal. The Brickies' top scorer tried to curl one into the top corner, but David Smalley in the Fleet goal was equal to it.

The Sittingbourne defence were caught napping after 30 minutes, which allowed Jamie McClurg to steal in at the back post and head easily past Matt Reed to give Town the lead.

The visitors, who looked the better of the two sides in the first half, further extended their lead two minutes before the break when Nathan Smart ran straight past the non-existent Brickies defence, before dispatching nonchalantly past Reed.

Any hopes of a Sittingbourne comeback was ended a minute after the break when Smart crossed for Mark Anderson to ghost in and tap home.



HEADS UP: Sittingbourne defender Ian Varley could do nothing to prevent his side slide to another defeat at home

Fleet almost made it four on 54 minutes when Darren Campbell, not the former GB 100m sprinter, was allowed to run into the Sittingbourne box and fire off a shot which brought a super save from Reed.

The home side rallied and pulled one back in the 76th minute through Milton. Link up play between Akhazan and Brady set up the little

midfielder who drilled one into the bottom corner from the edge of the box.

The result should have been beyond doubt when Smart went running on 85, but his shot aimed at the bottom corner was superbly saved by Reed.

The Brickies were at Croydon Athletic last night. For a report visit [www.yourswale.co.uk](http://www.yourswale.co.uk).

Picture: GOR KUPOCO



RETURN: Harry Goodger made an impact on his return for Norton

## Norton now finding their stride in the Kent League

## FOOTBALL

### Greenwich Borough 0

### Norton Sports 1

NORTON manager Ben Taylor was "over the moon" with his side as they secured their second win in a row with a battling display at Greenwich Borough.

The league newcomers followed up last weekend's 4-3 victory over Lordswood with another three points which was their first win on the road in the Kent League.

Taylor claimed Borough were the best footballing side his team have come up against so far and his players paid them too much respect in the first half.

A stern talk at half-time from Taylor and assistant Andy Payne saw Norton close down their opponents quicker in the second period and score what proved the winner.

Defender Scott Appleton headed a corner

straight into the top corner to earn his side all three points, a result which has seen Norton climb to tenth in the Kent League.

A delighted Taylor said: "It was a brilliant result for us. Like I said a few weeks ago, if we keep taking points off teams in the bottom half of the table we will be all right. I am really happy with how it is going."

Taylor admitted his side have found the Kent League difficult, mainly because they were used to winning every game in the Kent County League last year and have had to come to terms with some sides being stronger than them.

He said: "I was guilty of it as you start to take the defeats to heart. We won just one game in the first six, which we are not used to, but I think we are just getting used to the teams in this division and next time we play them it may be a little different."

With a squad of 21 at his disposal, Taylor has helped form a link with Woodstock Football Club, who are able to give his players a game who are not involved in Norton's first team.



POOR: Gary Abbott is disappointed by his team's efforts

## Abbott blasts his players after loss

## FOOTBALL

GARY Abbott blasted his players after their poor display in the defeat to Fleet Town, claiming they don't care enough.

Another poor defensive display at home cost the Brickies, who in truth were not at the races, and Abbott has promised to make wholesale changes.

He dropped right back Ryan Andrews from the squad, but the defender was one player expected to return to the side for last night's game at Croydon Athletic.

Abbott said: "They don't care enough and I've had enough of it. They think they can go out there and stroll around and I can tell you it is not happening."

"There will be changes and if there is any problem with that they can come and see me. Sometimes it's like talking to a brick wall as nothing goes through. You can't keep trying to make them learn because there comes a time when you are wasting your time."

"Passing the ball is our game but we end up smashing it."

Last season, one of Sittingbourne and Abbott's strengths was that they had a fairly settled side, but the Brickies boss is yet to find his best back four and it is defensively they continue to be punished.

"I would obviously love to pick the same team but it just hasn't happened like that, especially with the injuries we have had," he said. "We are trying to get a settled back four but we can't get that yet."

Sittingbourne are having to get used to coming back from goals down in games and both Abbott and assistant Richard Brady feel it maybe a lack of concentration that is costing them.

Abbott said: "Why have we got to let two or three goals in before we start playing? Surely we should be doing it from the first whistle."

"We can't keep saying they are young lads, because if we don't improve it will be Christmas and we'll find ourselves bottom of the league."

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